

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Elder's Commission

3rd Quarterly Report
July – August - September
2018



Commissioners

Richard Wemigwase, Chairman

Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Janice Shackleford, Treasurer

JoAnn Carey, Commissioner

The Elder's Commission meetings are open meetings and the Commission encourages membership attendance and participation.

The Elder's Commission meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, meetings begin at 5 p.m. unless posted otherwise. All meetings are held at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Government Center in Conference Room 312, unless otherwise stated.

Mary Roberts is the new Elder's Department Director. The Commission and Director have established a line of communication to discuss issues and concerns of the Elders Department and Community members. The Elder's Commission will continue to work with the Department to address, review and discuss department issues and concerns. The Commission will assist and support the department in reaching resolution wherever possible and work to strive with LTBB membership's best interest in mind.

The Michigan Indian Elder Association (MIEA), quarterly meeting was held in Hannahville Indian Community in Wilson, MI. July 16 – 18, 2018 the conference was attended by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary representing LTBB Elder Commission and Richard Wemigwase, as MIEA Delegate, and JoAnn Carey, Commissioner as MIEA Alternate Delegate.

The next MIEA meeting will be held On October 2018 Grand Traverse Band will host the MIEA meeting/conference in Traverse City, MI. MIEA consists of representatives from tribes in Michigan and Quarterly meetings are hosted by different MI tribes each quarter.

Meetings attended by the Elders Commission:

- July 10, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting – that was originally be held on July 4th but due to that being a holiday the meeting was held on the 10th.

- July 16 - 18, 2018 MIEA Quarterly Conference – Host Tribe Hannahville Indian Community Wilson, MI
- August 1, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- September 5, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- October 3, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- October 15 – 17, 2018 MIEA Quarterly Conference, hosted by Grand Traverse Band, Traverse City, MI
- November 7, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting
- December 5, 2018 Regular Elders Commission Meeting

The Elders Commission presented Feast Bags to the Youth Conservation Corp. participants upon their end of the year celebration.

The commissioners are dedicated to establishing a line of communication with the Elders Department and assist the department to the best of our abilities in the future.

The commissioners would like to thank Tribal Council for their appointments to the Elder's Commission.

